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Patrick Sussex has been designated as the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Juvenile Coordinator for the Bureau of Child Welfare Funding and Juvenile Programs.

Final rule implementing PREA was issued in May of this year. The rule established standards for adult and juvenile facilities for the prevention, detection, and response to sexual abuse. The rule includes timelines for achieving compliance and audit requirements.

Rule 115.311 requires designation of a Bureau-wide PREA Coordinator that has the time and access to develop, implement, and oversee Bureau compliance efforts. States must ensure compliance with the standards in both public residential juvenile justice facilities and private juvenile justice facilities under contract to the state. At least one-third of these facilities must be audited and the Governor able to certify compliance by August 2014, or face possible loss of up to 5% of federal funding.

Mr. Sussex has been instrumental in assessing public facility compliance needs and readiness, writing and modifying local policies for PREA compliance, developing and delivering mandatory PREA training, and developing programming and informing practices for the facilities to achieve compliance. In addition, he has provided technical assistance on PREA compliance to several contracted juvenile justice providers. Mr. Sussex was the Bureau's representative at the national PREA Coordinator's Conference in June and he participates in a network to share and develop resources with PREA coordinators from other states and with organizations including the PREA National Resource Center, the National Center for Youth in Custody, the Moss Group, and the National Institute of Corrections.

Mr. Sussex is a Program Manger under special assignment to the Bureau Director.